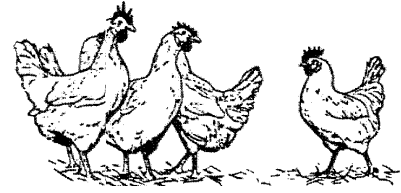


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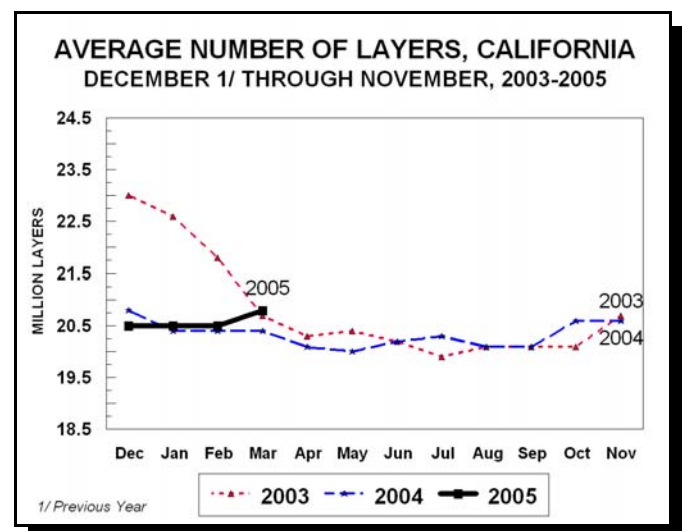
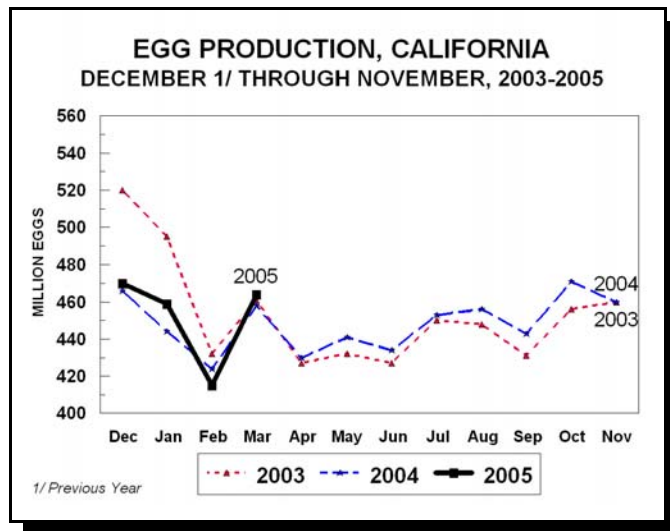
U.S. MARCH EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.73 billion during March 2005, 2 percent above last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 63.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2005 averaged 347 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2004.

All layers in the U.S. totaled 345 million on April 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago. The 345 million layers consisted of 286 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.63 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers on April 1, 2005, down slightly from a year ago.

CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

California's egg production during March totaled 464 million, 49.0 million more than last month and up 6.00 million compared to last March. The average number of layers during the month totaled 20.8 million, 1 percent more than last month and 2 percent above March 2004. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,226 compared to 2,020 last month and 2,245 in March 2004.



LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MARCH, FORCED MOLTING AS OF APRIL 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	9,224	9,117	1,865	1,974	172	180	0.0	0.5	3.5	4.5
Arkansas	16,162	14,924	1,930	1,963	312	293	1.0	0.5	9.0	8.5
California	20,398	20,845	2,245	2,226	458	464	1.5	7.5	29.0	33.5
Georgia	20,510	20,335	2,101	2,100	431	427	1.0	5.5	17.0	13.5
Indiana	23,242	23,631	2,233	2,247	519	531	0.0	3.0	34.0	32.0
Iowa	41,306	49,136	2,293	2,312	947	1,136	4.5	4.0	34.5	35.0
North Carolina	10,939	10,997	1,956	1,973	214	217	0.0	0.9	8.5	8.4
Ohio	27,463	28,089	2,218	2,271	609	638	3.0	4.0	25.0	22.5
Pennsylvania	24,063	24,399	2,352	2,398	566	585	2.5	3.0	19.0	15.0
Texas	18,728	17,846	2,184	2,247	409	401	0.5	4.0	21.5	20.5
United States	341,700	347,255	2,209	2,225	7,547	7,726	2.6	4.1	23.4	22.6

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The March 2005 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 816 million, was up 3 percent from March of the previous year. There were 658 million eggs in incubators on April 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 7.08 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2005, up 4 percent from March 2004.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

State	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Alabama	111,008	113,313	102
Arkansas	113,525	115,942	102
Delaware	14,035	14,897	106
Florida	4,939	4,947	100
Georgia	121,592	123,271	101
Kentucky	26,042	26,823	103
Louisiana	13,873	15,018	108
Maryland	31,379	32,238	103
Mississippi	72,111	73,387	102
North Carolina	67,532	68,661	102
Oklahoma	23,805	23,882	100
Pennsylvania	13,039	14,870	114
South Carolina	13,287	19,051	143
Texas	54,822	56,850	104
Virginia	23,684	23,751	100
California, Missouri, Tennessee and West Virginia	65,105	67,582	104
Other States ^{1/}	22,137	21,299	96
UNITED STATES	791,915	815,782	103

^{1/} Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during March totaled 40.0 million, up 6 percent from March 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.1 million on April 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year ago.

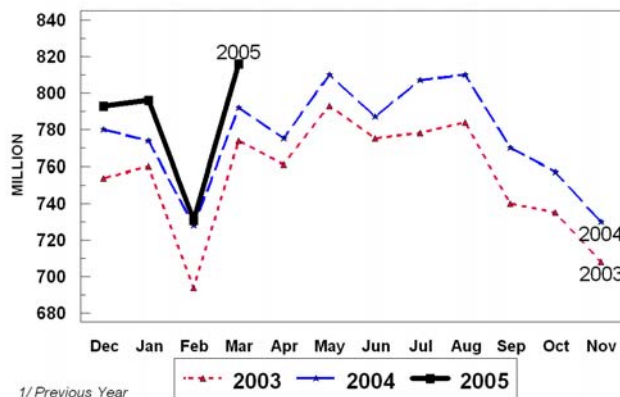
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 314 thousand during March 2005, down 22 percent from March 2004.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MARCH

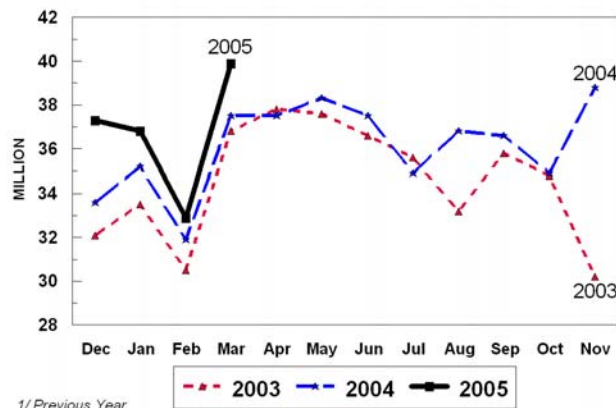
State	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
Florida	608	656	108
Georgia	2,385	2394	100
Indiana	5,144	4949	96
Iowa	6,730	7143	106
Minnesota	809	1198	148
Pennsylvania	5,261	5201	99
Other States ^{1/}	16,608	18,347	115
UNITED STATES	37,545	39,888	106

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BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2003-2005



EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2003-2005



EGGS IN INCUBATORS, APRIL 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
North Atlantic	12,451	12,019	97	5,916	5,835	99
East North Central	8,111	9,148	113	7,031	6,913	98
West North Central	24,354	23,075	95	7,469	7,149	96
South Atlantic	233,807	239,022	102	2,464	4,207	171
South Central	349,367	348,250	100	5,684	4,958	87
West	25,311	26,520	105	4,747	5,024	106
UNITED STATES	653,401	658,034	101	33,311	34,086	102

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average March prices received by California producers, when compared to February average prices, decreased 2.0 cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the March market egg prices, at 32.7 cents per dozen, decreased 3.1 cents from February reflecting a seasonal decrease. The March broiler price, at 44.0 cents per pound, was up 1.0 cent from February, but 3.0 cents below a year ago. The March turkey price, averaging 38.1 cents per pound, is up 0.1 cent from the previous month and up 1.5 cents from a year earlier.

POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005
		Cents		
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	112.0	43.0	41.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	47.0	43.0	44.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	100.0	35.8	32.7
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lbs.	36.6	38.0	38.1

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 29.1 million on April 1, 2005, 4 percent below April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 4 percent above the March 1, 2005 total of 28.1 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down slightly, West North Central down 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 11 percent, South Central down 13 percent, and West up 11 percent.

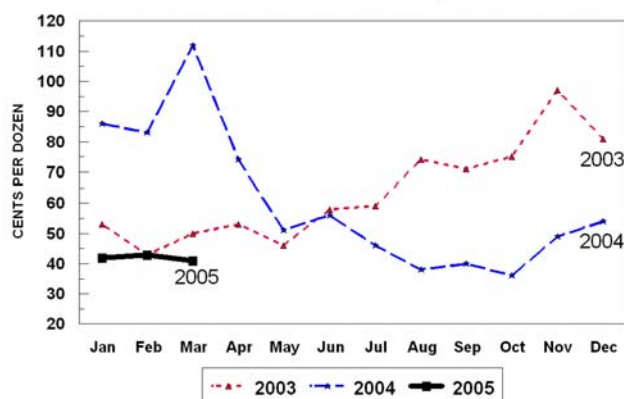
The 23.4 million poults placed during March 2005 in the United States were down 3 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 10 percent from February 2005. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 8 percent, West North Central up 1 percent, North and South Atlantic down 8 percent, South Central down 14 percent, and West up 15 percent.

ALL TURKEYS

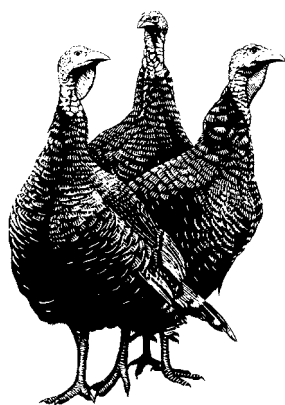
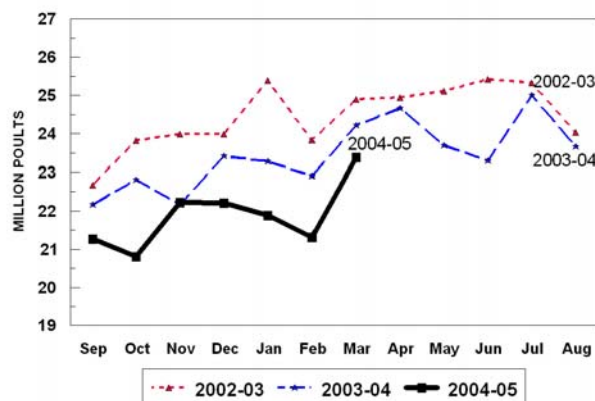
Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators Apr. 1		2005 2004	Poults Placed During March 1/		2005 2004
	2004	2005		2004	2005	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
EN Central	4,772	4,758	100	3,708	3,420	92
W N Central	11,025	10,893	99	9,139	9,257	101
N & S Atlantic	9,644	8,543	89	7,621	6,989	92
S Central	2,475	2,152	87	2,056	1,758	86
West	2,447	2,713	111	1,691	1,952	115
U.S.	30,363	29,059	96	24,215	23,376	97

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2002-2004



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES
SEPTEMBER THROUGH AUGUST, 2002-2005



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		04-04 03-04	Cumulative Total		04-05 03-04
	2003-04	2004-05		2003-04	2004-05	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,171	21,268	96	22,171	21,268	96
Oct.	22,805	20,806	91	44,976	42,074	94
Nov.	22,155	22,232	100	67,131	64,306	96
Dec.	23,424	22,205	95	90,555	86,511	96
Jan.	23,273	21,887	94	113,828	108,398	95
Feb.	22,905	21,321	93	136,733	129,719	95
Mar.	24,215	23,376	97	160,948	153,095	95
Apr.	24,664			185,612		
May	23,692			209,304		
June	23,291			232,595		
July	25,013			257,608		
Aug.	23,674			281,282		

^{1/} Excludes exported poults.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	March 2004	February 2005	March 2005	Mar. 2005 Mar. 2004	Mar. 2005 Feb. 2005
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	35,621	31,633	36,380	102	115
Chickens	Lbs.	26,627	31,120	37,977	143	122
Ducks	Lbs.	24	20	29	121	145
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	62,272	62,773	74,386	119	118
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	504,561	381,934	418,532	83	110
Chickens	Lbs.	604,738	634,579	671,808	111	106
Ducks	Lbs.	1,246	469	320	26	68
Total Frozen Poultry Supplies	Lbs.	1,110,545	1,016,982	1,090,660	98	107
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	19,247	17,865	18,548	96	104